

Women's Societies

SUGGESTIONS.

By Miss C. L. Campbell.

"If ye abide in me . . . ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).

Pray that there may be many more of these dollars to be spent for missions.

Last week we talked about the Assembly's dollar. This week we will take up the Nashville dollar, and find out just what the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions does with every dollar that is sent to them for the general fund.

These figures come from Dr. Chester:

Cut your dollar of silver paper, as before, and slice it in these proportions: Missionaries' salaries, forty cents; schools, twenty cents; native workers, eighteen cents; hospitals, ten cents; traveling expenses, five cents, and home administration, seven cents, for seven little cents stayed at home, indeed, not quite seven, but we cannot deal with fractions of cents.

The following plan has been worked effectively:

This time have your dollar in all its parts pinned on the blackboard, and distribute in the presence of the society, having a representative of each phase of the work come up and "draw the salary" for her department.

First, there comes two or more girls dressed for traveling, carrying handbags and other insignia of travel, and take away the five cents for traveling expenses.

Two girls, dressed as usual, representing missionaries, come forward and take away the missionaries' salaries, the forty cents slice; next two school teachers, who might be dressed as college girls with cap and gown, having with them a little group of foreign children, come and take the twenty cents for running the schools.

Let the native workers (also the school children) be dressed as the special heathen in whom your society is interested, or for whom you are working. An old Bible-woman carrying her Bible would be impressive, and these native helpers take away the eighteen cents slice of the dollar.

The nurses can be easily gotten up to represent the hospital work; beside the usual white costume, the red cross on the sleeve will add a touch of interest and color. These take away the ten cents for the expenses of our sixteen hospitals.

Now there will be left of the Nashville dollar only seven cents on the board.

It would be well to have a young man as business manager come and explain the use he is going to make of this seven cents; or if it is not practicable to have a young man, ask some brave business girl to take this part; and to explain that while our Nashville Committee runs work on a more economical basis than any Mission Board of our sister Churches in the United States, this seven cents covers the necessary salaries of the office; also the vast amount of printing required in carrying on the business of the Committee, as well as the widespread educational campaign Dr. Armstrong is so helpfully leading; and don't fail to mention all the postage necessary in this mammoth business carried on for the 330,000 people of our Southern Church. Don't you remember, my sister, how often you have sent to Dr. Armstrong for help of all kinds; and many hundreds of women are doing the same thing all the time; think of the postage required.

In other words, emphasize very clearly the fact that the seven cents

that stays in America not only sends out the other ninety-three cents; but first this seven cents has to go out in our own country and among our own churches and collect the other ninety-three cents, that the Nashville Committee may have it to send out.

For those who may not be at your meeting, and that the men may know where their money goes, pin this dollar again on the blackboard and leave it there; name each part, and at the top of the board write, One Nashville Dollar.

Greenbrier Presbyterial will hold its tenth annual meeting at Ronceverte, W. Va., June 13th, 14th, 15th. An interesting program has been arranged. Among the speakers who will be present are Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Allen, of Africa. Societies belonging to the Presbyterial are urged to send two delegates, and visitors from all societies in Greenbrier Presbyterial, whether members of the Presbyterial or not, are cordially invited to attend. Send names of delegates at once to Miss Ella Crickner, Ronceverte, W. Va.

Chester, S. C.: "Personally, I have found the new department quite a help and inspiration in our Missionary Society work here, and hope to be able to use the suggestions more and more to add variety and interest to our programs."

An entertainment, which will linger long as a delightful memory, took place at the Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon last, when the Missionary Society and the Mission Study Class of that church entertained the Mission Study Classes of the Methodist and Baptist churches and the Guild of St. John's Episcopal church.

The Reception Committee was composed of Mrs. C. H. Saunders, president of the Missionary Society; Mrs. J. A. Hardy, Mrs. T. E. Roberts and Mrs. Nathaniel Garland, and it was indeed a happy occasion when over a hundred ladies, representing the different denominations mentioned, were cordially greeted, as meeting as one in the discussion of Foreign Missions, each class having gained valuable knowledge through the study of Mrs. Helen B. Montgomery's interesting and instructive book, "The King's Highway." After a short while given to the exchange of pleasantries, devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. W. A. Roberts, leader of the Study Class of the Presbyterian church, with a touching prayer by Mrs. C. M. Boswell, of the Baptist church, after which Mrs. Roberts made a most delightful talk on the general work of missions, closing with well-chosen words of welcome to the visiting classes.

In the program which followed, each participant showed thoughtful Christian research, and the impressions gained sunk deep into the hearts of all present. Two talks or papers from each class were ably presented, covering the entire range of work in the mission fields of Egypt, India, China, Korea and Japan, as so truly portrayed in the King's Highway, and each listener became inspired with a heartfelt desire for greater activity towards assisting in carrying forward the command of Christ, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

At the conclusion of the program the leaders of the visiting Mission Study Classes, Mrs. C. M. Boswell, Mrs. P. H. Maddux and Mrs. H. T. Williams, expressed in behalf of their members, grateful appreciation of the pleasures

of the afternoon, and also spoke of the benefits which must surely be derived from the gathering together of so many, working as one, in the great cause of missions.

The young ladies of the Westminster League then conducted the guests into the lecture room of the church where, amid the flow of pleasant conversation a refreshing course of cream and cake was enjoyed. As the shadows lengthened and friends and co-workers parted, it was with prayers of thanksgiving for our homes in this blest land of religious freedom, upon which the light of Christianity is so abundantly shed.

Mrs. W. T. Hughes.

Macon Presbyterial held its sixteenth annual session in Tatnall Square church, Macon, Ga., April 19th-21st.

The meeting was a most instructive one, marked throughout by a deep spirituality. While the attendance was fairly good, it was a matter of regret that there were not representatives from every society in the Presbyterial, to take back with them inspiration and information, gathered from the splendid addresses heard.

Mrs. J. R. Graham, of Tsing-kiang-pu, China, told of "The Missionary's Approach to the Heathen Mind," giving a graphic description of the method she uses, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to pierce the dense night of the heathen mind, that the truth of the gospel may enter and give light.

Dr. Homer McMillan made a stirring appeal for Assembly's Home Missions. Mr. Colt told, in an interesting manner, of the great work being done at Nacoochee. Many of the reports were most encouraging, especially those on Young People's work and Assembly's Home Missions. The banner for best work among the young people during the year, was awarded the Junior Endeavor Society of Thomasville, they having raised over \$4.00 per capita.

An illustrated talk on "Our Four Square Work," by Mrs. Frank Gunn, and a Conference on Ways and Means of Improving Societies, led by Mrs. R. S. Saunders, were most helpful.

As the Presbyterial adjourned to meet in Moultrie next year, the new officers were made to realize their responsibility and opportunity in a short installation service, conducted by Rev. P. C. Morgan, pastor of Tatnall Square church. The officers elected for ensuing two years are as follows: President, Mrs. William McKay, Thomasville; first vice-president, Mrs. J. A. Craig, Macon; second vice-president, Mrs. W. C. Vereen, Moultrie; recording secretary, Mrs. J. M. Heath, Camilla; corresponding secretary, Mrs. B. B. Van Houten, Macon; treasurer, Mrs. Frank Gunn, Macon; secretary Foreign Missions, Mrs. E. P. Morgan, Americus; secretary Assembly's Home Missions, Mrs. C. F. Coleman, Eastman; secretary local Home Missions, Mrs. R. M. Pegram, Moultrie; secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Mrs. C. T. Gooding, Americus; Secretary Young People's Work and Sunday-school Extension, Miss Luella Brown, Macon; secretary literature, Mrs. M. N. Deifenderfer, Albany.

Mrs. J. M. Heath,
Recording Secretary.

Paris Presbyterial held its fourteenth annual meeting in Tyler, April 17th-19th, with Mrs. C. F. Collins presiding.

Sessions were held morning, afternoon and evening, each one replete with interesting topics and discussions. One of the features of the meeting was the address by the Rev. A. D. Rice, missionary at Haichow, China. Dr. Rice is a Texas man, and is al-

ways heard with great interest by Texas audiences.

The officers elected for the ensuing years are as follows: President, Mrs. W. W. Sherrill, Commerce; vice-president, Mrs. C. F. Collins, Paris; secretary, Mrs. R. J. Davis, Mt. Pleasant; treasurer, Miss Lena Muller, Texarkana; secretary of Foreign Missions, Mrs. Frank Culp, Kilgore; secretary of Assembly's Home Missions, Mrs. Bryant Bealrd, Tyler; secretary of Home Missions, Mrs. H. J. Barron, Commerce; secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Miss Mattie W. Carr, Greenville; secretary of Sabbath School and Young People's Work, Mrs. J. W. Smiley, Tyler; secretary of literature, Mrs. W. L. Hickman, Texarkana.

Mrs. T. O. Perrin,
Retiring Secretary.

Washburn Presbyterial: The fourth annual meeting of Washburn Presbyterial was held in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, April 12th, 13th and 14th. It was the most interesting meeting in the history of the organization. The opening sermon was preached on Wednesday night by Rev. R. B. Willis, D. D., of Fayetteville, Arkansas. Mrs. H. P. Winsborough, superintendent of the Woman's Auxiliary, was in attendance on Thursday, and gave two interesting and instructive addresses. Much helpful information was received by means of a "Question Box," the questions being answered by Mrs. Winsborough. One of the most interesting features of the program was the three addresses by Mrs. A. C. McKinnon, of Africa. Mrs. J. E. Jeter, a sister of Mrs. McKinnon, and wife of the Sunday-school missionary of Washburn Presbyterial, told of the work being done in the mountains by Mr. Jeter and herself. This report was very interesting to all present. At each day session an instructive Bible study was conducted by Mrs. R. B. Willis. One night session was devoted to the work of the young people, and an interesting feature of the program was a pageant advertising the Missionary Survey. This pageant was prepared by Mrs. Abbott, former Presbyterial secretary of the Young People's Work. Only one society had reached the standard of excellence this year, but all reports were very good. On Thursday afternoon the ladies of Fort Smith tendered the delegates a delightful ride in automobiles over their beautiful city. New officers were elected, with Mrs. S. H. Abbott, Fort Smith, president. The Presbyterial will meet in Fayetteville next spring.

Keysville. Roanoke Presbyterial met in annual session at Village church, April 25th. The president, Mrs. C. M. Hutcheson, opened the session with devotional exercises. Forty-seven delegates were in attendance, representing the various societies in the Presbyterial. Rev. H. L. Williams made an address on Foreign Missions. Reports from the societies represented showed an encouraging condition. Miss Lancaster, of Ashland, conducted a model Mission Study Class. Mrs. W. P. McCorkle, of Martinsville, gave an account of mission work in the mountains. Mrs. Mack Smith, of Richmond, made a touching appeal on the subject of prayer. Rev. C. L. Crane, missionary to Africa, delivered a stereopticon lecture on Africa, which was greatly enjoyed. Miss Annie Shaddon, of the Southern Assembly, made an exceedingly interesting address on Home Missions. Rev. C. W. Maxwell, of South Boston, spoke on the same subject.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. C. M. Hutcheson; first and second vice-president, respectively, Mrs. Gran. Craddock and Mrs. J. C. Carrington; recording secretary, Mrs. C.